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Dear Russ:

Things have moved pretty fast today and I will take a few minutes to advise you of what has happened.

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I have been notified by the Office of Operations that [redacted] does not meet the qualifications for employment in CIG and her services will be terminated shortly after enactment of the long anticipated legislation authorizing dismissal.

General Wright has returned from his trip and, while I have not talked to him personally, Mr. Carey informs me that he was most complimentary of [redacted] installations. He was particularly well impressed with [redacted]. I know you will be pleased to learn that he was well impressed.

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A delegate from a veterans' organization, undoubtedly VFW, has appealed to the Admiral alleging discrimination against veterans. The particular case in which we are alleged to be involved is that of [redacted] in that we gave him an "unsatisfactory" efficiency rating for a period of approximately six months, four of which were spent in the hospital, and made no notation to that effect on the report. As I recall it, we first submitted [redacted] report only for the period from November 3 to the time he went on leave. It was sent back to us and we were required to make it for the whole period which, of course, did not influence the rating in any way. Nobody in the Front Office of CIG is concerned about the situation, but in order to make a reply to this delegation's charges, apparently there will be an investigation of the case by [redacted] office. I certainly anticipate no difficulty in this matter.

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The Secretary of State called the Admiral to express his personal interest in anything bearing on the Greek situation. Our first action was, of course, to alert all field stations and the Editorial Division to obtain maximum coverage of this situation until further notice. In addition, [redacted] and I went to the State Department and conferred with Mr. Thompson, who represented Mr. Behlen, and also Mr. Armstrong, who is Colonel Eddy's deputy. We were able to gain very little information

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in the nature of a specific request, but we did get some guidance that will assist us in making our selection of material when we receive it in Washington. I had thought originally of publishing a special report on the subject, but have decided to hold that in abeyance for possibly another week and see what information comes in. If sufficient material becomes available, we will then publish a special report.

We have already been requested by the Office of Operations to start our estimates for the '49 budget. This is getting to be a liberal education for me to have to estimate for '49 before we know what we are going to get for '48.

I also talked this morning to Mr. Thompson about substituting the London roundup to Moscow for our present two-page weekly summary which we are furnishing Mr. Bohlen. He is of the impression that this Signal Corps line to Moscow has been discontinued. If it has not been discontinued, he believes that Moscow would not want the entire daily report, but probably a better selection of items of particular interest to the Ambassador in Russia, and the whole thing boiled down to about 1,000 words. Would you please investigate from your end of the line whether or not this circuit is still available and what action will be necessary on our part to furnish this file? Meantime, Thompson is checking in the State Department on the circuit and also questioning the Ambassador in Moscow as to whether or not he wants this file and, if so, how much, etc. Meantime, we will continue to furnish him the two-page weekly summary as in the past. He was quite interested in our London roundup and stated that it would be particularly helpful to his office more so, he thought, than it would be to the Ambassador in Moscow. It was therefore agreed that we should furnish his office a copy of the London roundup daily by courier.

This about brings us up to date, I believe. I hope you have had a nice visit in New York and a pleasant trip to London.

Sincerely,

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